

News Briefs

Toll free number to get home

The command post now has a toll free number, 0800-GET-HOME (438-4663). Sabers who need help or do not have money for a pay phone can use the number. For details, visit any first sergeant.

Bus to K-Town soccer match

The USA vs. Poland game in Kaiserslautern takes place March 1 at 8 p.m. ITT offers a bus to the match for \$33 round trip, which does not include the price of the ticket. Ticket information is available on the Intranet under the link, "GOUSA." To reserve a seat on the bus, call ITT at 452-6567.

Estate claim

Anyone having claims against the estate of Special Agent Lindsey Ferris, Air Force Office of Special Investigation Detachment 518, can call 1st Lt. Teresa Rini at 452-5829 or e-mail her at teresa.rini@spangdahlem.af.mil.

Tricare Dental price change

The cost of the Tricare Dental Plan has changed. The active duty single family member plan now costs \$10.51 and the plan for more than one family member costs \$26.27. Visit www.tricare dental program.com for details.

Tax center opens

The base tax center, located in building 129, opens Monday for E1-E4 personnel, and is open for all other Team Eifel members. Schedule an appointment for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., or use the walk-in service Mondays and Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The center is also open Fridays in the morning for 1040EZ and 1040A customers only, and is closed Friday afternoon. To schedule an appointment or for more information, call the tax center at 452-1040.

Turbo Tax available for military

The online program Turbo Tax is available for free to servicemembers via the Military OneSource Web site at www.militaryonesource.com. Servicemembers can also access their forms on the myPay Web site at <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>.

Semi-annual munitions inventory

The munitions storage area will be closed for all custodial-related actions March 13-31 for a 100 percent munitions stockpile semi-annual inventory. All munitions required for March must be requested by Feb. 27. Only valid emergency requests approved by group commanders will be honored. For details, call Tech. Sgt. Dennis Kuhn at 452-6743.

'FOD' der for thought

Learn why these Airmen are walking in the rain ...

Read "Sabers safeguard mission-essential assets by keeping flightline debris-free," on Page 4.



RESCON Watch

DELTA

4+ DUIs in the Last 30 Days

Days since last DUI: 5

Rank of last DUI: senior airman

Squadron of last DUI: 52nd AMXS

Large unit with best record: 52nd Communications Squadron, 405 days
Small units with best record: 52nd Medical Support Squadron,
52nd Dental Squadron and 52nd Contracting Squadron: No DUIs

Data Courtesy of the 52nd SFS

When going out, have a plan or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 06565-61-2233.

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Senior Airman Amaani Lyle

1040 Baby

Meg Brown and her husband, Senior Airman Jay Brown, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter, have much to smile about while giggling with their newest little deduction, 7-month-old Brooklyn, Monday. Dave Britt, right, Spangdahlem Air Base tax center director, takes care of the Brown family's tax return filing. This year, about 65 people volunteered at the tax center here. The center expects to file thousands of returns for deployers, redeployers and family members. For tax center hours and information, call 452-1040.

Sabers get set to use new online travel management system

By Staff Sgt. Jennifer Lindsey
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Beginning in March, select 52nd Fighter Wing units will tap into the World Wide Web to process their temporary duty travel using the Defense Travel System, or DTS, to book their own lodging and rental car arrangements.

The new online travel management system will eventually replace FAST, the Federal Automated System for Travel. The Defense Travel System offers members of the Defense Department electronic travel voucher processing and reimbursement via electronic file transfer to the traveler's bank account. Additionally, approvals and certifications are handled at the unit level, and travel vouchers will go directly to the Defense Finance and Accounting Service for payment. DTS also offers an online interface with Bank of America for automated payment of government credit cards.

"DTS is a state-of-the-art system that draws from the best features of commercial travel technology and links them to the DoD financial and accounting systems to provide the user a seamless, responsive travel system," said Col. Brandy Johnson, DTS program director.

DTS will be implemented here using a phased approach, said Master Sgt. James Turro, 52nd Comptroller Squadron DTS lead administrator. The first units slotted to "go live" in March are the 52nd Communications Squadron, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, 52nd Operations Group staff, the 606th Air Control Squadron and the 726 Air Mobility Squadron. Other units on Spangdahlem will undergo training from April through September.

"I like the fact that DTS is Web based and can be accessed from any computer with a common access card," said Sergeant Turro. "I also think this new system is easier than FAST to navigate."

According to DTS program managers, highlight features of DTS include:

Electronic reimbursement

Using DTS, the Defense Department will now be able to reimburse its business travelers quickly and electronically.

"Why should our travelers be financing our operations? That's

**Visit the Defense Travel System
Travel Center Web site at
www.dtstravelcenter.dod.mil
for more information and training
demonstrations.**

what happens, in effect, if we don't reimburse them promptly," Colonel Johnson said.

Worksite approvals and certifications

DTS places approval of travel arrangements and certification of travel vouchers at the traveler's worksite instead of at a servicing finance location. This places the authority to make travel decisions with the leaders and managers responsible for completing the mission.

Increased efficiency

Reports to Congress based on field-testing of DTS indicate that on average the time spent administering travel is cut to one-third.

Reduced paperwork

As DoD's single end-to-end electronic solution for defense business travel, DTS is, in fact, online travel. DTS provides electronic connectivity between the traveler, the authorizing official, the agency accounting and disbursing systems, the local comptroller's budget, the commercial travel service provider, the commercial bank card service and the electronic archive of travel-related documents, to include required travel receipts. This electronic connectivity and archival process eliminates the reams of paperwork previously required for business travel.

Automated payments

DTS reduces travelers' after-the-fact bill paying responsibilities and reduces delinquencies caused by delays in the payment chain. Once a voucher is approved for payment, reimbursement for expenses charged to the traveler's government charge card is made electronically directly to the traveler's government charge card account.

AMC Airmen deploy 'a little lighter'

By 1st Lt. Katherine Kebisek
Air Mobility Command Public Affairs

SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILL. (AFPN) -- Air Mobility Command Airmen who deploy are traveling a little lighter -- nearly 90 pounds lighter -- thanks to the mobility bag pre-positioning initiative.

The program, now in its second phase, will allow 5,000 Airmen -- about 1,000 from AMC -- to deploy without carrying the typical three mobility bags. The lighter loads will save AMC the constant effort of moving 140 to 150 pallets of cargo in each direction -- roughly the equivalent of eight C-17 Globemaster III missions or four C-5 Galaxy missions each way.

Previously, Airmen were required to travel with three standard mobility bags: the A-Bag, which contains general purpose equipment weighing about 14 pounds; the B-Bag, which contains cold weather gear, if needed, weighing about 17 pounds; and the C-Bag, carrying chemical warfare defense equipment weighing about 19 pounds. Some Airmen were required

to carry individual body armor which weighs about 37 pounds.

With mobility bags already in theater, deploying Airmen will only have to carry their gas masks, about five pounds.

"AMC had a vested interest in the program since we were responsible for paying the fees to move (the mobility bags)," said Capt. Marcia Leonard, chief of AMC mobility readiness support. In (the secretary of the Air Force's) most recent Letter to Airmen, he highlighted the program's benefits, noting that "We avoid over \$32 million per year in airlift costs."

Personnel primarily deploy on commercially chartered passenger aircraft, said Maj. William Webb, 726th Air Mobility Squadron aerial port flight commander.

"We deploy with so much luggage per person that we frequently fill the baggage compartment with baggage before we fill the passenger compartment," the major said. "Pre-positioning mobility bags downrange allows for more efficient use of aircraft, which means

a lower price tag for the taxpayer because fewer aircraft are needed."

The concept of pre-positioning mobility equipment was originally introduced in Operation Desert Storm, but didn't become a reality until spring of 2005 when U.S. Central Command Air Forces and AMC began a test phase, Captain Leonard said. Before the test phase began, Airmen turned in their mobility and chemical warfare bags before redeploying. These bags were used as the initial stocks, then pre-positioned in newly established expeditionary theater distribution centers.

"Overall, our focus is to make sure the trip is as pleasant as possible," Major Webb said. "The primary goal of each terminal is to ensure America's warfighters are treated with honor as they transit through the passenger terminal."

Phase one of the program included a small test of about 100 AMC Airmen deploying without bags. While the test was an overall success, Captain Leonard said a few issues arose.

"This is the first time we've ever done something of this magnitude with troop movement," said Cory LaGrow, command individual mobility equipment manager. A few of the challenges faced included communication gaps, item management issues and lack of space in the distribution centers.

To overcome these challenges, AMC worked closely with Headquarters Air Force and CENTAF on a weekly basis. Some solutions they have come up with involve creating continuity with management positions on 365-day rotations, and enhanced data reporting and computerized accountability, Captain Leonard said.

The ultimate goal is to have 100 percent of mobility bags pre-positioned by May. In the meantime, agency officials involved will continue to perfect the program, easing the burden of transporting mobility gear on both AMC and the Airmen who had to carry it.

(Localization by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)

Wing lauds newest Pitsenbarger ALS graduates

By Staff Sgt. Stephen Scattergood
Pitsenbarger Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Amy Schmidt, 52nd Comptroller Squadron, received top honors from Airman Leadership School Class 06-2 during the Feb. 15 graduation ceremony. Airman Schmidt received the John L. Levitow award. **Senior Airmen Jody Samaniego**, 606th Air Control Squadron, received the Academic Achievement award, and **Jack Snyder III**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, received the Leadership Award. Distinguished graduates were Senior Airmen **Nathan Frohne**, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron, **Matthew Harris**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, **Jody Samaniego**, 606th ACS, and **John Zelinski**, 52nd Communications Squadron.

Eagle Flight

Senior Airmen **David Campbell** from the

702nd Munitions Support Squadron; **Diana Casey**, 52nd Logistic Readiness Squadron; **Joshua Chellberg**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; **Jacob Dias**, 52nd AMXS; **Daniel Heise**, 606th ACS; **Roger Ledoux**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron; **Amy McKillip**, 52nd LRS; **Martin Moyano**, 52nd CES; **Steven Peterson**, 52nd EMS; **Jody Samaniego**, 606th ACS; **Daniel Schmidt**, 52nd CES; **Travis Tarr**, 52nd EMS; **Arthur Winship**, 52nd AMXS; **Justin Wood**, 52nd Security Forces Squadron; and **John Zelinski**, 52nd CS.

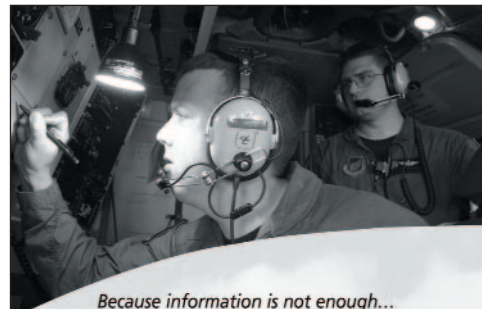
Falcon Flight

Senior Airmen **Maria Ambriz**, 52nd OSS; **Travis Benedict**, 726 Air Mobility Squadron; **Megan Crusher**, 52nd Services Squadron; **Nathan Frohne**, 703rd MUNNS; **Jonathan Frost**, 52nd CES; **Cory Kendrick**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; **Cortney**

Lehner, 52nd EMS; **Gerardino Mumfrey**, 52nd CS; **John Ramos**, 52nd CES; **Jeremy Rieschick**, 52nd AMXS; **Jeffrey Ross**, 52nd EMS; **David Scott**, 52nd SFS; **Jonathan Snell**, 52nd CES; **Matthew Spruit**, 52nd AMXS; **Matthew Toenniges**, 52nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron.

Phantom Flight

Senior Airmen **Michael Baucham**, 52nd AMXS; **Jamie Flores**, 52nd CS; **Jessie Francois**, 23rd Fighter Squadron; **Zachariah Giguere**, 52nd CES; **William Gootee**, 52nd CES; **Derek Griggs**, 52nd AMXS; **Matthew Harris**, 52nd EMS; **Michael Hathaway**, 52nd EMS; **David Masey**, 606th ACS; **Deizray Olson**, 52nd LRS; **Brian Roback**, 52nd AMXS; **Amy Schmidt**, 52nd CPTS; **Jack Snyder III**, 52nd CES; **Jacob Stockwell**, 52nd CS; and **Abimelech Wenthold**, 52nd SFS.



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Sabers net another DUI

Nine major, 12 minor accidents this week

By Amber Christiansen
52nd Security Forces Squadron

Team Eifel received one DUI this past week. There were nine major accidents, one with injuries, and 12 minor accidents this week.

An Army and Air Force Exchange Service civilian was caught driving under the influence with a reading of 0.199. A 0.08 blood-alcohol level rates a DUI.

All but one major accident occurred off base. The on-base accident occurred at the Main Gate at the Bitburg Annex.

Off-base major accidents varied in locations. Driving too fast on B-50 continues to be a problem accounting for two crashes -- one near the Metterich exit, and the other between Oberweis and Bitburg.

One accident occurred in Bitburg by the walkplatz. A-60 accounted for three -- one by the Bitburg exit, one near Badem and the other occurred while driving toward Trier.

The remaining two accidents happened on L-46 near Naurath and L-43 near the Zemmer exit.

Most of the accidents involved speed too fast for conditions, inattentive driving or following the vehicle ahead too closely.



Team Eifel members were involved in twelve minor accidents this week, three fewer than last week: six were at speeds too fast, three were from improper backing, one from inattentive driving, one from following too closely, and one happened in a parking lot.

Driving tips

The Eifel region is notorious for changing weather. Road conditions do not always match the weather. To prevent accidents, drivers should anticipate what may be around the next curve and drive slowly. Speeding and overriding road conditions accounted for the majority of the accidents this week.

MEO open house



Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

Pam Salvio, 52nd Medical Group, and Tech. Sgt. **Don Salvio**, 52nd Mission Support Squadron, check out the Hispanic Heritage table during the installation multicultural awareness open house hosted by the Military Equal Opportunity/Equal Employment Opportunity Office Friday in building 151. Sabers who attended the event learned about the roles of the IMA committee and celebrating history, diversity and unity across the wing and the Air Force. To volunteer for upcoming multicultural events, call MEO/EEO at 452-4501.



Airman Emily Moore

Top Saber Performer

Name: Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp
Unit: 52nd Communications Squadron
Duty title: Still photographer
Hometown: Palmer, Texas
Years in Service: Two
Nominee's contributions to 52nd FW mission success: Airman Kemp has a high level of maturity and sense of duty. She has filled the void in assisting the NCOIC of photographic services since the assistant NCOIC PCSed nearly three months ago. She has kept the section moving forward and is making several customer service innovations.
Off-duty volunteerism and professional development pursuits: Airman Kemp is an

active member of the 52nd CS booster club and she truly helped make this year's 52nd CS and 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron haunted house a success. When she is not honing her skills as a photographer, she takes classes in pursuit of her CCAF degree in Audio Visual Production. She most recently passed a speech class through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP).

What do you do for fun? Airman Kemp is very active in sports. She is an avid skier and snowboarder and is currently training to compete in the Air Force Marathon held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, in September.

What do you like most about being stationed here? She enjoys the location of Germany and the many opportunities for travel in the local area. She is also thrilled to work in a larger Multimedia Center than her last base so she can gain from the experiences of the other Airmen in the shop.

What's one thing you'd like to see changed or improved at Spangdahlem AB? Fitness is a cultural change within the AF, and Airman Kemp would like to see all squadrons take more time to do physical training together and incorporate more activities that promote PT.

Annual award winners announced; Sabers compete for wing-level awards

Staff reports

The 52nd Fighter Wing recognizes the following individuals for their outstanding achievements in 2005.

52nd Fighter Wing staff agencies

Airman: **Senior Airman Amy Schmidt**, 52nd Comptroller Squadron; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Nathan Gurwell**, 52nd CPTS; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Michelle Lackey**, 52nd CPTS; CGO: **1st Lt. Teresa Rini**, 52nd CPTS; junior-level civilian: **Gena Pancake**, 52nd FW Safety Office; mid-level civilian: **Ursula Tolbert**, 52nd CPTS

52nd Operations Group

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Dallas Smith**, 606th Air Control Squadron; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Mark Lebedzinski**, 606th ACS; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Sheldon Sukut**, 606th ACS; CGO: **Capt. George Sconyers**, 606th ACS; wingman: **Capt. David Wray**, 22nd Fighter Squadron; flight lead: **Capt. Paul Willingham**, 23rd FS; instructor pilot: **Capt. Dax Hayes**, 81st FS; flight commander: **Capt. Jesse Friedel**, 23rd FS; mid-level civilian: **Sue Panfil**, 52nd OG; senior-level civilian: **John Bradley**, 52nd Operations Support Squadron

52nd Mission Support Group

Airman: **Senior Airman Karen Harris**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Francisco Robinson-Brown**, 52nd CES; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Harold Ayers Jr.**, 52nd Communications Squadron; CGO: **Capt. Michael Zuhlsdorf**, 52nd CES; junior-level civilian: **Frank Weiss**, 52nd CES; mid-level civilian: **Art Seywert**, 52nd CES; senior-level civilian: **Alice Fields**, 52nd Services Squadron

52nd Maintenance Group

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Jacquelynn Mathews**, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Nathaniel Combs**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Glenn**

Burrell, 52nd CMS; first sergeant: **Master Sgt. Christopher Miller**, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron; CGO: **1st Lt. Brian Cooper**, 52nd AMXS; junior-level civilian: **Dana Hodges**, 52nd EMS; mid-level civilian: **Maria Checkley**, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron; senior-level civilian: **Derek Williams**, 52nd EMS; U.S. Armed Forces "Spirit of Hope" Award: **Tech. Sgt. Christopher Allen**, 52nd CMS; Joan Orr Award: **Kimberly Shock**, 52nd MOS

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Airman: **Senior Airman Christopher Howard**, 703rd Munitions Support Squadron, Volk AB, Netherlands; NCO: **Staff Sgt. Timothy Saxman**, 703rd MUNSS; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Timothy Otto**, 703rd MUNSS; CGO: **Capt. Jeffrey Shames**, 701st MUNSS, Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; FGO: **Maj. Kenneth Speidel**, 702nd MUNSS, Buechel Air Base, Germany; honor guard: **Tech. Sgt. John Glauner**, 701st MUNSS; team: **Limburg House Dining Facility**; volunteer: **Christine Royer**

52nd Medical Group

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Myre Behneke**, 52nd Medical Operations Squadron; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Kimberly Thrash**, 52nd MDOS; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Sandra Pocius**, 52nd Medical Support Squadron; CGO: **Capt. Christina Carter**, 52nd MDOS; junior-level civilian: **Heather Hughes**; mid-level civilian: **Jonathan Bradley**; senior-level civilian: **Manfred Kinnisch**

726th Air Mobility Squadron

Airman: **Airman 1st Class Dan Brown**; NCO: **Tech. Sgt. Barb Stanley**; SNCO: **Master Sgt. Marcel Balaoro**; CGO: **Capt. Steve Abate**; junior-level civilian: **Greg Hermann**; senior-level civilian: **Larry Jecklin** (*These individuals will go forward to compete at the Air Mobility Operations Group level*)

Eifel Salutes

52nd Mission Support Group

Picture this: **Airman 1st Class Josie Kemp** and **Airman Emily Moore** "developed" the skills to take photographic documentation of the Secretary of the Air Force's recent visit here. **Tech. Sgt. Andrew Rodier** lassoed a nod in the USAFE Media Contest for second place "Best Stringer Photo."

52nd Maintenance Group

Our main(tenance) man is **Senior Airman Robert Black**, who has not only proven himself as a standout maintainer, but also added 52nd MXG Maintenance Professional of the Quarter and 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron Maintenance Professional of the Year awards to his mantle in 2005. **Staff Sgt. Eric Lovelace** has the stick when it came to training 32 maintenance troops on egress system cockpit familiarization.

38th Munitions Maintenance Group

Staff Sgt. Carlos Madrid breezed through all Career Field Education and Training Plan and aircraft certification program questions, leaving the USAFE functional experts impressed. It's a mad, mad, mad, yet safer world, thanks to munitions support squadron maintenance troops **Staff Sgts. Jeremiah Kowalski, Jonathan Walker** and **James Flowers**, who found numerous real-world defects that required depot-level attention for corrective action. Their attention to detail ensured the critical component training asset is up to standards.



Our "pixels" of the litter are **Tech. Sgts. Jason Boster** and **Jacob Zapata** and **Senior Airmen Christopher Howard** and **Jerry Sinclair**, who joined forces with **Chief Master Sgt. Nathan Dixon** to plan and install a morale, welfare and recreation network inside the recently renovated all-ranks clubs at Volk AB, Netherlands. Their contributions enhanced the quality of life for more than 350 geographically separated community members.

52nd Medical Group

Displaying a positive image is **Senior Airman Leonard Myers**, for his helping hand and picture-perfect customer service in the dental radiology section. We can feel it kicking ... or maybe even saluting for **Staff Sgt. Christine Lango**, who passed the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonography examination in obstetrics, gynecology and ultrasound physics.

CDC stars

The following individuals earned scores of 90 percent or higher on their career development course examinations: **Staff Sgt. Christina Regnier**, 52nd CMS, 91; **Staff Sgt. Guven Ferrin**, 52nd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 90; **Airman 1st Class William Murray**, 52nd AMXS, 92; **Airman 1st Class Jacob Rose**, 52nd AMXS, 93; **Airman 1st Class John Taylor**, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, 90; **Airman 1st Class William Reynolds**, 52nd CMS, 90; **Airman Bryce Schubert**, 52nd CMS, 91.

Kudos to all; Team Eifel salutes you!
 (Compiled by Senior Airman Amaani Lyle, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office)



Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

Top Saber Team

Unit Name: 52nd Dental Squadron Dental Bus team

Unit Responsibilities: The team ensures global readiness, promotes oral health and provides outstanding dental care.

Number of Members: Eight

Team's latest contribution to 52nd FW mission success: This element provides top quality dental care to approximately 1,300 Department of Defense eligible beneficiaries located at four geographically separated units in three European countries. State-of-the-art dental treatment is delivered to the doorstep of active-duty and family members stationed at Kleine Brogel Air Base, Belgium; Volk AB, Netherlands; and NATO Air Base Geilenkirchen and Buechel Air Base, Germany. The team provides expeditionary treatment at a snap of the finger in almost all dental specialties: fillings, root canals, simple extraction, examinations and cleanings. The dental bus has traveled over 2,100 miles and has prevented over 3,500 hours of active-duty lost work time due to travel each year, saving more than \$75,000 in patient TDY travel costs.

Team's other contributions: The team contributed to the clinic's overall production of \$6 million annually in patient treatment while maintaining a 97 percent wing "ready to deploy" rate that beat the AF goal by two percent.

The FOD squad: Sabers safeguard mission-essential assets by keeping flightline debris-free

Story and photo by Master Sgt. Robert Brunt
52nd Fighter Wing Safety Office

Every time an aircraft takes off, many hours of hard work and dedication by Team Eifel members is proudly on display. Much of this work is quietly performed behind the scenes and goes unnoticed until something is forgotten.

One program that fits this category is foreign object damage prevention, better known as FOD. If prevention measures are conducted properly, our mission continues. If neglected, preventable aircraft accidents and possible loss of life can occur. A damaged control console sits in the safety office from an F-16 after it crashed due to a FOD-related engine malfunction. This console is a reminder of the devastating effects FOD can have on our multi-million dollar aircraft.

The main goal of the FOD program is safety and protection of Air Force assets. If an aircraft is not mission capable due to FOD, it is unable to fulfill the mission.

To help keep the airfield clean, daily "FOD walks" are performed by Spangdahlem Air Base personnel who line up and walk side by side along a section of the ramp to ensure bolts, rocks, tools, rags, paper and other objects are removed before aircraft operations. This is done to reduce the risk of an engine ingesting debris.

The wing relies heavily on the 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron sweeper trucks to help keep the airfield environment clean and safe. There are many checks in place to ensure nothing is left behind when work is performed on an aircraft or engine, but ultimately, it is every member's responsibility to maintain a safe, FOD-free flying environment.

Checkpoints

Another way to prevent debris from entering the airfield are



Members of the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron Propulsion Flight perform a daily FOD walk. Units routinely endure extreme temperatures and weather conditions to ensure the safety of the mission.

the FOD check points at various locations around the airfield. The most notable are two privately owned vehicle crossings: Taxiway Alpha going to and from the tower, and Taxiway Charlie going to and from the fuels flight facility.

Everyone must perform a FOD check every time they cross a checkpoint. Before exiting the vehicle, people must turn off their ignition and set their parking brake. During hours of darkness, a flashlight is provided at these locations to allow for proper FOD checks.

The reason for turning vehicles off is for safety. Everyone must ensure their tires are free of small rocks (which are often embedded in the tire tread), and there is no trash in the bed of their truck or on their vehicle.

Competitions

Golden Bolt Program

To combat FOD, the wing has several incentive programs in place to provide encouragement and give recognition for constant awareness. Something new is the Golden Bolt Program. Each month, a "golden bolt" will be left somewhere on the flightline or in a back shop area. Because an actual bolt would present a FOD hazard, the "bolt" will be a small laminated piece of paper with a drawing of a gold bolt along with instructions on its proper return. The program is created to encourage vigilance and raise awareness in FOD prevention. The returned bolt is worth a one-day pass along with several AAFES coupons.

FOD fighters

Another incentive program is the FOD Fighter award, which recognizes outstanding vigilance or an exceptional FOD-preventing person. Sabers are nominated by their supervisor through their unit's FOD monitor. Monthly winners receive a certificate and are then eligible to compete for the quarterly award. Recipients receive the same recognition as the Golden Bolt Program winner.

FOD posters

For people with artistic ability, there is the FOD poster competition. Each month, Spangdahlem AB members can design a FOD prevention poster and send their electronic submission to their unit FOD monitor. Artwork must represent aircraft assigned to Spangdahlem AB and include a catchy FOD-related slogan. The winning poster will be sent to base maintenance organizations to post in work centers.

For more information, call the wing FOD monitor at 452-6543.



Airman Stephanie Sawyer

So help me God ...

Chaplain (Brig. Gen.) Cecil Richardson, U.S. Air Force headquarters deputy chief of the chaplain service, speaks to Team Eifel members during the National Prayer Luncheon Feb. 9 at Club Eifel. The featured topic was, "So Help Me God," based on the oath military members take.

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Col. Dave Goldfein

February Sortie Scoreboard

Aircraft	Goal	Flown	Delta
22FS	325	108	-29
23FS	374	133	-14
81FS	225	128	+32

*Delta is contract vs. sorties flown to date.

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Retrospective

Why did I join the Air Force ... again?

Staff sergeant says camaraderie, military way of life missed as civilian

By Staff Sgt. Jason Meek
52nd Joint Fires Center of Excellence

As a wide-eyed 21 year old enlistee, I thought the military would be my way of life for the next twenty years. Four years and eight months later I found myself beginning a new life pursuing a career as a civilian firefighter paramedic.

As a relatively young person in the military, I was confused with my career progression and did not fully understand my responsibilities.

My job was one of the few where the only way to do my job, and truly prove I could carry out my mission, is for there to be a war going on. When I separated in January 2000, there was no opportunity to “prove” myself in combat.

As I worked my way through EMT-basic, fire academy and paramedic school, I started missing my military life. Even working for a fire department, where there was a close bond between co-workers just wasn’t the same as it is in my military world.

The camaraderie was definitely high on my list of missing pieces, but was not the only piece. I also missed the travel, general way of life and the numerous opportunities the military gave me as well.

The longer I was separated the more I missed the military. Before I knew it, September 11 happened and my decision was made; I no longer had

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just a thought or wish. I knew at that moment I would re-enlist into the Air Force.

I don’t want anyone to think this was an emotional decision based on one event. This was a well-thought-out decision made over several months. Most of my family and friends could not believe or understand why I was giving up the great civilian life I had spent the last two years building without even a second thought.

At first I could not explain my reasons in a way anyone else could understand. The best I could explain to everyone was that the military was simply where I belonged. I knew we would be going to war very shortly, and I knew that meant I would have plenty of brothers out there trying to do the job who unfortunately did not have the proper training.

Their lack of training was no one’s fault; it was simply due to the fact that a lot of them had not

been in long enough to receive all of the training and experience I had.

I knew coming back in I would not be deployable right away, but it surely would not take very long considering I had all the training and possessed the skills needed before I separated. I would only be looking at a few months of re-familiarization training to be combat ready once again.

As I came back in and was sent to a unit that was not tapped for a deployment right away, I had plenty of time to train both myself and the younger troops. When I finally deployed, I realized the reason I truly enlisted back in the military.

It was not to come in and get my experience on the battlefield; seeing my Airmen perform their duties in their entirety, and always earning praise both from our chain of command and from the Army’s battle staff, I realized my purpose.

I came back in to ensure the younger Airmen were able to learn from me. I cannot cover much ground by myself, but all of the Airmen we train, as NCOs, can surely cover a good chunk of that battle space. Everyone joins the military, regardless of branch, for certain reasons.

I think that no matter what the reasons are, we should all have the same focus, and we should prepare ourselves and those around us to the best of our ability.

Commander’s Direct Line

Comment: I just wanted to let you know just what a great Obstetrician Clinic you have here, and how great the 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron my husband, Aaron Carleton, works for is. I had a premature baby Jan. 22. She was three months early and only weighed 2 pounds, 6 ounces and 15 inches long.

Since I had her, my husband’s squadron and their wives have been there for my family -- mind you I have never met the wives or even some of the husbands, because I’m new here. They baked dinners for us, sent gifts, and also sent offers to help out in any way that they could. My daughter is in Trier, and will be there for maybe another month, but thanks to Dr. (Maj.) Jack Swanson, and Dr. (Maj.) Justin Nast in OB, and the steps they took to take great care of me. They never got annoyed when I would call them or have to go in for check ups and additional care.

I’ve been a military brat and now I’m a military wife, so I’ve technically been in the military for 30 years, and this has been one of the best experiences I’ve had. The doctors in Trier have said that the care provided while I was pregnant by Doctors Nast and Swanson really helped my daughter. Thanks to everybody who has helped us -- it made everything a lot easier to handle. My husband and I love the military because of how close everybody is.

Response: Thanks for taking the time to pen this note. The extraordinary effort both the 52nd CMS and our legendary medical team did for your family is exactly how we want to “take care of each other” here in the Eifel. Best wishes to you and your daughter!

-- Col. Dave Goldfein
52nd Fighter Wing commander

Culture Corner



Lt. Col. (ret.)
Robert Ashby

Tuskegee Airmen and Luftwaffe pilots forum

Team Eifel members are invited to a forum featuring two Tuskegee Airmen and two former Luftwaffe pilots Feb. 24 from 9-11 a.m. at Club Eifel. There will be a slideshow of World War II history, a chance for each pilot to tell his story and a question and answer period for visitors.

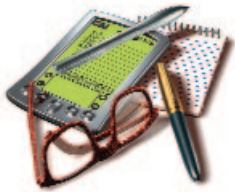
On July 19, 1941, the Army Air Corps began a program in Alabama to train black Americans as military pilots. The first classes of Tuskegee Airmen were trained to be fighter pilots for the 99th Fighter Squadron under the 332nd Fighter Group, which flew combat missions in Africa and the European theaters of operation. By the end of WWII, an estimated 992 men graduated from pilot training.

They flew more than 11,000 combat sorties and destroyed 111 enemy aircraft without losing any bombers. Over 150 Tuskegee Airmen lost their lives in training and on combat missions. As of February 2006, fewer than 295 Tuskegee Airmen are still alive.

(Photos and text courtesy Heritage of Black Highlanders Collection, Black Wings and www.acepilots.com)



Lt. Col. (ret.)
Asa Herring



Community Mailbox

Submit "Community Mailbox" advertisements 10 days before the desired publication date to publicity@spangdahlem.af.mil.



Toastmasters meeting

Toastmasters, a public speaking enhancement club, meets Tuesdays from 6-7 p.m. in Spangdahlem AB Building 139. Call Tech. Sgt. Nicole Gisel at 452-7775 for details.

Family support center news

♦ Creative critters: volunteers are needed Wednesdays from 10-11 a.m. in planning and leading structured playgroups for children, ages 18 months to 4 years, and their parents. Activities include singing, marching, dancing and arts and crafts. The playgroups are at the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center, building 2001. For details, call Lynn Luria at 452-9491.

♦ Single parent support group: come meet and get support from other single parents at a single parents support group Tuesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Coffee Mill located in building 139 on Spangdahlem AB. Lunch is provided. To reserve a space, call Lynn Luria at 452-9491.

♦ Sign up for a free children's sign language open house Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and 5-6:30 p.m. at the Bitburg Annex Family Support Center, building 2001. The class is for children ages 3-5 and is an interactive class that utilizes stories, songs, crafts and games toward learning sign language. For details, call Tammy Kunz at 452-6422.

SES news

Spangdahlem Elementary School is conducting a child-find screening March 3 for 3-4 year olds who may have a suspected developmental delay in the areas of language, social, motor, cognitive or self-help skills. For more information or to make an appointment, call Pat Wynne at 452-6881.

Performing arts camp

Youth ages 14-18 are invited to attend a free, week-long camp at the Nell Buckley Performing Arts Camp at the Missoula Children's Theater in Montana this July. The deadline to drop off audition tapes at the Spangdahlem AB Youth Center, building 427, is Feb. 25. People who need to make an audition tape can



Val McCamish

Heavy metal

Joshua Johnson, Bitburg High School ninth grader, admires the newest member of the Baron Team. The Baron Suit of Armor was recently purchased through the combined support and effort of Colonel and Mrs. Goldfein, the Baron Booster Club and the BHS student council. The Baron will be used as part of ongoing school improvement projects. These projects include newly painted lockers, hallways and the stage area.

sign up for a time Feb. 25 at the Brick House. For more information, call Sally Fuller at 452-7546.

CPO open house

The civilian personnel office is having an open house Feb. 28 from 1-4 p.m. in building 151, first floor. It is a chance for the Eifel community to ask questions about the civilian personnel system, as well as enjoy refreshments. For details, call CPO at 452-6080.

Spring bazaar

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club seeks volunteers ages 16 and older to help with the Spring Bazaar, taking place March 31-April 2. Call Chuck or Kim Shock at 06575-903087 or e-mail spangvolunteers@yahoo.com for details.

Brick House news

♦ Casino night takes place today from 6-10 p.m. for people ages 18 and older.

♦ Airmen should begin practicing now for the base-level USAFE Idol talent contest taking place March 4 at 7 p.m. Winners move up to compete in the U.S. Air Forces in Europe contest April 22. Call 452-7381 for more information.

Ladies crud tournament

A ladies crud tournament takes place in the officers' lounge March 10. People wanting to form a team should call Sharon Wright at 06565-933599 or e-mail her at wrightshar@aol.com.

OCSC spouse scholarships

Applications are now available for the Officers and Civilians Spouses Club's spouse scholarship. The club has about \$4,000 in scholarship money available for the 2006/2007 school year. Applications must be postmarked by April 5. For details, e-mail Deb Neubauer at OCSCspousescholarship@hotmail.com.

SSEMC Poland trip

The Spangdahlem Spouses and Enlisted Members Club-sponsored express Polish pottery shopping trip takes place March 17-19. Call Kristy Turner at 06561-946227 or e-mail trips@ssemc.org for more information.

Scholarship info

The Defense Commissary Agency and the Fischer House Foundation accept applications now through Wednesday for education scholarships for children of military families and retirees. Applications and details are available at www.militaryscholar.org.

Read by Mail program

Sign up for the 2006 Read by Mail program now through April 21. Children can earn a variety of rewards based on the number of books read and points earned at the end of the program. Call Sally Fuller at 452-7546 for details.

Chapel Services

Spangdahlem AB

Catholic Mass

♦ Saturday, 5 p.m.

♦ Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

♦ Sunday, religious education, 9:45 a.m. (Building 139)

♦ Monday - Thursday, 11:45 a.m. Protestant

♦ Sunday, 10:30 a.m., traditional service

♦ Sunday, 1 p.m., Korean service

♦ Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Night Live service

Bitburg Annex

Catholic Mass

♦ Sunday, 11:30 a.m.

♦ Monday, 8:30 a.m.

Protestant

♦ Sunday, 8:15 a.m., liturgical; 9:30 a.m., Contemporary; 1 p.m., Gospel Service

For more information about Jewish, Islamic, Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults or other faith needs, call the chapel at 452-6711/6281.

Feb 18th 8:30 p.m.

THE URBAN COMEDY TOUR
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TICKETS: \$12 MEMBERS/\$17 NONMEMBERS
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TICKETS MAY BE PURCHASED AT THE DOOR OR IN ADVANCE AT THE CASHIER'S CAGE.
CALL 452-4639 FOR INFORMATION.
FOR ADULTS 18 YEARS AND OLDER ONLY.

AIR FORCE SERVICES CLUBS

Movies

The following movie listings are for today through Feb. 23. Times and movies are subject to change. For more information, call 06565-61-9441 or 452-9441. For movie synopses, visit www.aafes.com/ems/default.asp.

Spangdahlem Skyline

Today

In the Mix (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

When the hottest DJ around inadvertently saves the life of a Mafia princess, the reward for his bravery is a job protecting the woman from danger.

Grandma's Boy (R, 9:30 p.m.)

A 35-year-old video game tester has to move in with his grandma and her two old lady roommates.

Saturday

Big Momma's House 2 (PG-13, 4 p.m.)

On his latest assignment, FBI agent Malcolm Turner goes undercover as Big Momma, and works as a nanny for an unhappy woman who is under investigation for murder.

Ice Harvest (R, 7 p.m.)

A dim-bulb lawyer attempts a Christmas Eve crime, hoping to swindle the local mob out of some money, but his partner, a strip club owner, might have different plans for the cash.

Syriana (R, 9:30 p.m.)

A politically charged epic about the state of the oil industry in the hands of those personally involved and affected by it.

Sunday

Big Momma's House 2 (4 p.m.)

In the Mix (7 p.m.)

Monday

Big Momma's House 2 (7 p.m.)

Tuesday

Grandma's Boy (7 p.m.)

Closed Wednesday and Thursday

Bitburg Castle

Today

Casanova (R, 7 p.m.)

Heath Ledger plays the fabled romantic as a man who, after failing to win the affection of a particular Venetian woman, strives to discover the real meaning of love.

Aeon Flux (PG-13, 9:30 p.m.)

Aeon Flux is a mysterious assassin working for the Monicans, a group of rebels trying to overthrow the government. When she is sent on a mission to kill the "chairman" a whole new mystery is found.

Saturday

Just Friends (PG-13, 7 p.m.)

A man comes face-to-face with his old high school crush -- a woman whose rejection of him turned him into a ferocious womanizer.

Casanova (9:30 p.m.)

Sunday

Aeon Flux (4 p.m.)

Just Friends (7 p.m.)

Closed Monday and Tuesday

Wednesday

Casanova (7 p.m.)

Thursday

Aeon Flux (7 p.m.)

More than chocolate, sightseeing

Cologne is Germany's hottest Fasching spot

Story and photo by Iris Reiff
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

If you don't mind crowds of people and you're looking for a good time with fun and laughter, Cologne is the place to be for Fasching fun. Fasching is the German equivalent to Mardi Gras.

Cologne will be Germany's hottest Fasching spot Thursday through Feb. 28. During this time, the city turns into one big party, offering masquerade balls and Fasching celebrations. The highlight is the Rose Monday parade Feb. 27 at 11:11 a.m. Thousands of people are expected to arrive for the spectacle.

It is not recommended to bring small children to this event due to the large crowds and alcohol consumption involved.

For people who are not into the party scene, Cologne has much more to offer. Besides the popular chocolate museum, Cologne's Dom, or Cathedral, is world famous.

The Dom is the largest of its kind in Germany and one of the most outstanding ecclesiastical buildings in the world. Its overwhelming dimensions including two spires 510 feet tall. There is the unsurpassed harmony of the different sectors of the building, the impressive unity of the Gothic design, built between 1248-1880, and the massive vastness of the interior as a whole.

Attention must be drawn to the figures on the outside of St. Peter's Door on the west front of the Cathedral with sculptures from the 1360-1380 period.

Much more could be said about the "Dom" in Cologne and the city itself, but these hints may be helpful in exploring the Cathedral.

In addition to the Cathedral, Cologne offers anything your heart desires from excellent shopping opportunities to international cuisine, art museums, musicals, concerts, theaters and more.



Capt. Michael Cumberworth, 52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office, right, helps the Wittlich mayor, Ralf Bussmer, lift a lady through the window of the Rathaus, or city hall, during Ladies Fasching last year. It is a tradition for ladies to storm the Rathaus and get the key to the city. Mayor Bussmer invited base members to help "defend" the Rathaus from the "foolish ladies." Ladies Fasching this year is Thursday and is a German-wide tradition celebrated in large cities and small towns.

Cologne is located about 100 miles northeast of Spangdahlem Air Base and can be reached by taking A-60 from Bitburg. It is normally a two-and-a-half hour drive. People should not try to find signs to Cologne, but look for "Köln," which is the appropriate, German name for the city.

Out and About

For tickets, call the TV-Ticket-Hotline at 0651-7199-996 or visit the Bitburg TV office, located on Hauptstrasse 39a, unless specified otherwise.

The following local communities, towns and cities will host Fasching parades on the mentioned dates:

- ♦ **Feb. 25** at 3:11 p.m. in Bergweiler
- ♦ **Feb. 26** at 2:11 p.m. in Spangdahlem village, Wittlich, Salmrohr-Doehrbach, Niederkail, Preist, Bruch, and Hetzerath; and Bitburg at 2:30 p.m.
- ♦ **Feb. 26** at 2 p.m. in Orenhofen
- ♦ **Feb. 27** Rose Monday at 2:11 p.m. in Trier, Speicher, Rittersdorf, Oberweis, Daleiden, Hupperath, Arenrath, Kinderbeuern and Herforst
- ♦ **Feb. 28** Shrove Tuesday at 2:11 p.m. in Minderlittgen and Piesport
- ♦ A children's carnival takes place **Sunday** at 3:11 p.m. at the Salmrohr Buergerhalle community hall.
- ♦ Listen to the Rostov Don Kosaken choir Saturday at the Konz Saint Nikolaus church.
- ♦ Chris Rea starts his "Farewell

Tour," **Monday** at 8 p.m. at the Rockhal hall of Esch-Alzette, Luxembourg. For more information, go to www.rockhal.lu or www.cfl.lu.

- ♦ A rock concert by Acoustica takes place **Wednesday** at the Mertesdorf Hotel Karlsmuehle hall.
- ♦ An exhibition featuring a variety of spiders takes place now through **Feb. 26** at the Information Center of the Naturpark Saar-Hunsrueck in Hermeskeil. The exhibition titled, "Fascinating World of Spiders," is open daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., except for Mondays.
- ♦ Watch Tennis Classics Trier **March 9** at the Trier Arena.
- ♦ Listen to jazz tunes by the Greentown Jazzband **March 11** at the Daun Forum.
- ♦ Bitburg's annual Beda market is scheduled for **March 17-19**.
- ♦ See basketball highlights by The Harlem Globetrotters **March 22** at the Trier Arena.
- ♦ The Chinese National Circus takes place **March 24** at the Trier Arena.
- ♦ The Thomas Schwab Band will

be on stage **April 8** at 8 p.m. at the Bitburg Beda Haus cultural center, and April 29 at the Wittlich Synagogue. Tickets are 24 euro. For more information, call the ticket hotline at 06534-9499-894.

- ♦ Rock am Ring is scheduled for **June 2** at the Nuerburgring race track.
 - ♦ See David Copperfield on stage **Oct. 5** at the Trier Arena.
 - ♦ Spend a day skiing with Outdoor Recreation in the Black Forest. Trips are every Monday through Friday through Feb. 28. Trips require a group of eight to 20 people. The group leaves at 3 a.m. and returns at approximately 9 p.m. The cost is \$80 per person and transportation and the lift tickets are included. Call ODR at 452-7176.
- Register for the following trips at the Information, Tickets and Travel Office located in the Spangdahlem AB Community Center. Call 452-6567 to register.
- ♦ Dresden Express, Feb. 24-25
 - ♦ Venice for Carnevale Express, Feb. 24-25
 - ♦ Cologne for Karneval: Rose Monday, Feb. 27

Spirited away

BHS cheerleaders try for sixth consecutive Division II European championship title

Story by Senior Airman Eydie Sakura
52nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office

Athleticism. Enthusiasm. Dedication. These attributes are the cornerstone of the cheerleading squad at Bitburg High School. It is a sport that requires strength and endurance, choreographed dance routines and stunt performances.

While most seasonal sports last only a few months, cheerleading is a year-round program, and the cheer squad is gearing up for their upcoming showdown, where nearly 320 students are vying for the top spot as division champs.

The BHS cheerleading team is trying for their sixth consecutive Division II European championship at Mannheim Feb. 25. There they will compete against schools from across Europe including army posts and naval stations.

"With Bitburg sweeping the competition for five years now, squads from other schools don't just want to win first place, they want to beat Bitburg," said team captain Kathleen Warner, BHS senior and daughter of Mark Warner, 52nd Services Squadron. "I know the other squads say, 'I want to beat Bitburg so bad,' not, 'I want to win first place.'"

During the competition, cheerleading

squads perform a three-minute routine, including dances, stunts, jumps, tumbling and cheers for the championship title.

The event gets more and more competitive each year; especially with the introduction of boys in the cheer squad, said BHS cheerleading coach Becky Briley.

"Bitburg was the first team to introduce boys to the competition in 2001, and since their initiation, it has raised the bar on the kind of stunting that can be executed," coach Briley said. "The participants can no longer be viewed as mere yell-leaders or pretty faces. Cheerleading is not only a sport, but the most dangerous one out there, resulting in more serious accidents yearly than any other athletic event."

Common injuries to cheerleaders are sprains and strains, dislocations and fractures, and even paralysis or death.

Coach Briley said that most injuries occur from stunts being executed without proper warm up or adequate spotters.

"At BHS, we require both extensive warm up and sufficient spotting whenever stunts, gymnastics or jumps are practiced," she said.

"We don't allow stunts performed until they've been practiced perfectly at least 25 times."

Katie Pollock, daughter of Master Sgt. Thomas Pollock, 52nd Maintenance Operations Squadron maintenance training flight superintendent, has been a cheerleader for four years, and her father says the team puts in a lot of time and effort in the preparation for the competition.

"Our cheerleading team is very fortunate to have excellent, dedicated coaches who provide great mentorship to our young people," Sergeant Pollock said. "The team has a lot of experience returning from last year's team and I think they'll do very well this year."

Ms. Warner said that even if the team cannot relive the wins from years past, she knows that she can always look back on the previous wins as major accomplishments.

"We work our hardest every single day, and we have so much talent and great leaders on this squad," she said. "We love our community and we love our Barons! We hope that everyone will support us Feb. 25 and still be proud of us ... win or lose."



Courtesy photo

Members of the 2005 Bitburg High School varsity cheerleading squad perform a stunt during a football game here. The Barons cheer squad are vying for their sixth championship title Feb. 25 in Mannheim.

First-ever all-star championship game scores points with basketball players

By Ed Marshall
52nd Services Squadron

It was the best of times and the worst of times ... The 2006 Intramural All-Star Game at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center Feb. 8 provided fans with a tale of two halves.

There was zone defense, missed shots and diving for loose balls, as well as thundering dunks and no-look passes checked in for the second half. Led by scoring champion Evinn Beck, 52nd Component Maintenance Squadron, the West All-Stars finished off the East All-Stars 101-93.

"Playing in the All-Star Game means you're the best, and you get to play the best," said Brandon Waiters, 52nd Medical Group. "We got to go out on the court and show off a bit and it was played like all sports should be played, and that's by having fun."

The 2006 All-Star Game united a 12-man roster from each conference.

Most Valuable Player DJ Coburn, 52nd Civil Engineer Squadron, hustled, snatched rebounds and hit several key shots. His game high-27 points were no match for the presence of the West.

West's Chris Greek and DeAngelus Bright from the 702nd Munitions Maintenance Squadron, owned the paint with their big-man frames, and Bright used his tall stature to throw down several off-the-glass thundering jams. Beck displayed his passing skills, finding Bright on an alley-oop that left Coburn on the short end of the monster poster jam.

Ty Bullocks, 52nd Security Forces Squadron, the East's workhorse, dished out 20 points taking the West to the hole on several occasions.



Senior Airman Eydie Sakura

De Angelus Bright, number 15 playing for the West, tips off the ball into East territory as Kirk Jackson stretches to meet his efforts. Referee Steven Gardner, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, oversees the center circle face-off Feb. 8 at the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center.

The West countered when Coach Chad Jett went to his bench to find his shooters. David Allen, 52nd MDG, and Aaron Vanvynckt, 52nd CMS, combined for 7-9 from three-point land. Vanvynckt threaded the needle finding Greek and Bright down low on several occasions to give

the West a commanding lead.

The game's tempo shifted when Darnell Moss, 52nd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, contested 52nd CES player, Kirk Jackson's rim-rattling jam.

With the West up 15 points early in the second half, the East slowly chipped away with Bullocks and Coburn leading the charge. With 1:37 remaining, the East found themselves down 93-83. Bullocks sprinted down and nailed a three-point shot to pull the East within seven.

The East managed to get a defensive stop, and then another Coburn three-point bomb put the East back in business. A four-point game with 43 seconds left had the fans on the edge of their seats. The inbound quickly went to Ed Marshall, 52nd Services Squadron, and then the freethrow shootout began. Marshall would hit six of six from the charity mark to fend off any East comeback.

The Intramural basketball league consisted of 12 teams and two conferences.

"Intramural basketball definitely pulled a 180-degree turn this year, and I know everyone that played this year appreciates the hard work the fitness staff put into it this year," said Aaron Vanvynckt, 52nd CMS.

West teams included the 52nd EMS (A), 52nd MDG, 52nd CMS, 702nd MUNNS, 726th Air Mobility Squadron, and the 52nd CES firedawgs. The East squad consisted of 52nd CES, 606th Air Control Squadron, 52nd Communications Squadron 52nd EMS (B), 52nd Comptroller Squadron and 52nd Operations Support Squadron.

Sports Briefs

Spinathon

Burn major calories with three hours of spinning during a Spinathon Feb. 25 at 10 a.m. in the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center. The event features three instructors, but participants do not have to do all three hours. They can also sign up for one or two hours. Call the Skelton Memorial Fitness Center at 452-6334 to register.

Kaiserslautern triathlon

The Second Annual Kaiserslautern Triathlon takes place May 7 in Kaiserslautern. For more information, visit www.triathlon-kl.de.

Volkel volleyball tournament

The 2006 Volkel Air Base volleyball tournament takes place March 18 at Volkel AB, Netherlands. The cost is \$30 and the deadline to register a team is March 10. It is a four to six-team round-robin tournament. For details, call Staff Sgt. Crystal McCray at 359-5804 or Senior Airman Jarret Espiritu at 359-5805.

Bamberg arm wrestling tournament

Take part in an arm wrestling tournament at U.S. Army Garrison Bamberg Freedom Fitness Facility March 25. It is open to all Department of Defense identification card holders and the cost is \$15 to register. The first 50 competitors receive a free T-shirt and awards are presented for the top three finishers. Weigh-in takes place at 10 a.m. and the competition begins at 1 p.m. For details or to sign up, call the Freedom Fitness Facility at 469-8890 or e-mail joseph.proctor@us.army.mil.

Kaiserslautern softball

The Kaiserslautern softball "Yard Buster" takes place May 26-29 at the K-Town sports complex. The cost is \$250 and the first 10 men's and women's teams will be accepted. People interested in putting together a team should call Quinton Floyd at 493-2086 or 493-2087. The deadline to register is May 17.